



**Sarasota Academy of the Arts
December 17, 2024
Monthly Meeting of the Governing Board of Directors
582 McIntosh Rd - 9:00am
Administration Office**

Monthly Governing Board Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to order: **Called to order at 9:01**
- II. Determination of a Quorum: **Confirmed. Present: Members Kennedy, Dembicki, Brenneman & Principal Kopacz.**
- III. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve unanimously passed.**
- IV. Finances-Financial Report
 1. Review/Discuss reports for approval: **Motion to approve unanimously passed.**
- V. Principal's Report
 1. 3SAA Finished FAST PM2 testing. Current Reading and Math scores suggest an overall increase from PM1, with some areas of struggles in elementary Math.
 2. Winter shows were very successful with equal and/or better family participation. **5th grade shows were postponed due to high levels of student absenteeism.**
 3. SAA Toys for Tots Toy Drive provided 3 full boxes of toys for children in the community who may not receive any toys this holiday season.
 4. Teachers will receive two 25.00 Amazon gift cards from SAA, to be dispersed the 19th and 20th. **Board to contribute \$135 each, via Venmo to Denise Verhuel.**
 5. Resiliency students of the Month will receive Chick-Fil-A on Thursday, December 19th.
 6. Toys for Tots advisory/ class who brought in the most toys will receive a pizza lunch on Friday, December 20th.
 7. SAA is ready for its 2025-2026 open enrollment which will begin after Winter Break. A Google Form will be distributed to our current families regarding interest to have their child/ren return or not to return to SAA. The form responses will be recorded and timestamped.
- VI. Old Business
 1. Exterior Signage: Building signage proposal for approval. **President Kennedy has executed the contract, SAA will pay the deposit. Principal Kopacz will coordinate with the contractor for implementation.**

2. **Playground: Strategize for sponsorship and/or fundraising. Tabled indefinitely while we pursue funding for build-out of Phase II.**
- VII. **New Business**
1. **Discuss water and electric spreadsheet for JFed as per Lease Modification. Consensus of the board was that utility overpayments were largely offset by JFed payment of utilities for Jan/Feb '23, and a one time payment from Tandem. So we will not pursue reimbursement from JFed for the remainder of overpayments.**
 2. **Synovus bank has contacted us requesting a meeting with new personnel. We will meet with them and work towards transferring our accounts and possibly discuss funding of Phase ii.**
 3. **Build out of Phase II: Need to pull together a Major Capital Fund-Raising Support Package to include, at a minimum:**
 - i. **Executive Summary**
 - ii. **History of school**
 - iii. **Credentials/awards**
 - iv. **What we have achieved since move**
 - v. **What this expansion will achieve**
 - vi. **What will be built (drawings & physical summary,**
 - vii. **What will may cost,**
 - viii. **What will the revenue be,**
 - ix. **Summary of our virtues,**
 - x. **Numbers to support that our enrollment is trending upwards relative to other schools**
 - xi. **Naming rights**
 - xii. **Next Step: Board members to gather info for a workshop to be held immediately following the January board meeting.**
- VIII. **Public comment period: None**
- IX. **Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned @ 10:30**

Respectfully Submitted, Dec 17, 2024
Dean Brenneman
Secretary
Governing Board of Directors
Sarasota Academy of the Arts

Approved by vote of Board: 1.21.25
Date


Signature of Board Officer